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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 5669 ACTION SECSTATE AUG 02.

QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 5669

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TAGS: MARR, MASS, PARM, PGOV, ET, IS, US

SUBJECT: ISRAELI MISSION TO ETHIOPIA

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1. I RELAYED RESPONSE IN REFTEL IMMEDIATELY TO FONMIN DAYAN. HE THANKED ME VERY MUCH, AND ASSURED ME IT HAD ARRIVED JUST IN TIME FOR HIM TO GIVE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL HOFFI.

2. DAYAN COMMENTED DRYLY: "I GATHER THAT YOU DON'T TRUST MENGISTU VERY MUCH." I SAID WE HARDLY HAVE REASON

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3. DAYAN SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT HOFFI NOT RPT NOT TO ENCOURAGE ETHIOPIANS TO APPROACH U.S. HE UNDERSTANDS ALSO THAT WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO ISRAEL'S TRANSFERRING ANY U.S.-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES AT THIS TIME.

4. MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF OUR ARGUMENTS ABOUT ADVERSE EFFECT ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORTS OF ISRAEL'S JOINING WITH USSR AND LIBYA AS AGAINST EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA, DAYAN SAID HE WOULD TELL HOFFI TO LIMIT FURTHER ISRAELI COMMITMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO BARE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO PROTECT EXISTING ISRAELI POSITION IN ETHIOPIA.

5. COMMENT WITH REGARD TO PARA FOUR, I AM NOT CERTAIN DAYAN'S INITIAL REACTION WILL ULTIMATELY PREVAIL HERE. BEGIN REMAINS INTRIGUED BY POSSIBILITY OF WEANING MENGISTU AWAY FROM SOVIETS, AND AS YOU SAY ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT DIFFERES FROM OURS. MOREOVER, ISRAELIS WILL BE SORELY TEMPTED TO DO AS MUCH AS THEY CAN TO HANG ON TO ONE OF THEIR LAST AND OLDEST FOOTHOLDS IN ARFICA--ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF ITS STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR THEM. I BELIEVE DAYAN SEES THE USSR LIBYA-EGYPT/SAUDI ARABIA ARGUMENT MUCH AS WE DO-- BUT OTHERS HERE, PERHAPS INCLUDING BEGIN--WILL BE MORE SKEPTICAL.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO ALEXANDRIA FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY.
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